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SUBJ: JONAS FAZEKAS - ROMANIAN MINISTER'S SON ATTENDS
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA AT GAINESVILLE

1. DURING RECENT INTRUDUCTORY MEETING BETWEEN THE AMBASSADOR AND THE MINISTRY OF LIGHT INDUSTRY JANOS FAZEKAS COVERING A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS, THE MINISTER BROUGHT UP THE MATTER OF HIS SON'S ATTENDANCE AT THE U. OF FLORIDA IN GAINESVILLE, DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY, BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER 1974. THE MINISTER'S SON, ALSO NAMED JANOS FAZEKAS, HAS EARNED A SCHOLARSHIP AT THE UNIVERSITY AND WILL BE STUDYING UNDER PROFESSOR J.D. WEINFORDNER. HIS STUDENT ADVISOR IS ANN S. CORBIN, INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES AT THE UNIVERSITY. (FYI BECAUSE OF TIMING DIFFICULTIES, THE EMBASSY COULD NOT ISSUE A J-1 STUDENT VISA TO FAZEKAS BUT DID ISSUE A B-2 VISA SO THAT HE COULD DEPART FOR THE US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE WILL APPLY AT THE INS OFFICE IN MIAMI FOR AN ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS SOON AFTER HIS ARRIVAL.)

2. AMONG SEVERAL HIGH-RANKING GOVERNMENT AND PARTY POSITIONS, FAZEKAS SERVES AS DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF DOMESTIC TRADE. HE IS ALSO A FULL MEMBER OF THE PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, THE GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (PARLIAMENT) AND IS A FULL MEMBER OF THE PARTY CENTRAL
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COMMITTEE. IN VIEW OF HIS FATHER'S POSITION, THE IMPOR-

TANCE OF OUR ASSOCIATION WITH HIM AND THE OBVIOUS
ADVANTAGE TO US OF HAVING THE SON OF A HIGH-RANKING
ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL EDUCATED IN THE US, WE
SUGGEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT FOLLOW UP WITH THE U. OF
FLORIDA WITH A VIEW TO OFFERING ANY ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING
AND CARRYING OUT HIS SON'S PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY.
FOR STARTERS, WE REQUEST DEPARTMENT CONTACT MS. CORBIN
AND MAKE EFFORT ENSURE U. OF FLORIDA BEING HELPFUL TO
EXTENT FEASIBLE IN LOCATING HOUSING FOR YOUNG FAZEKAS.
HE IN RECEIPT OF FORM LETTER FROM CORBIN STATING HOUSING
SITUATION TIGHT AND UNIVERSITY NOT ABLE GUARANTEE A ROOF
OVER EVERY HEAD. HEREALIZE THIS REQUEST INVOLVES DEPARTMENT
IN NANNY ROLE, BUT IN VIEW OF FOREGOING HOPE WE CAN
COUNT ON FOREBEARANCE IN THIS INSTANCE.
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